

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3133–3156, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–216, Pt. 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (MO) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Bishop Jerry Macklin, Glad Tidings Church, Hayward, California.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014—

Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 352, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014 and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 473, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 472.

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Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 3102, to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 476.

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Rejected the Gallego motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 475.

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H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 687), (H.R. 1526), and (H.R. 3102) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 474, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act: The House began consideration of H.R.

1526, to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, and to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, September 20th.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–215, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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Agreed to:

Daines amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that requires the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report specifying for each Forest Reserve Revenue Area the annual volume requirement in effect for that fiscal year, the volume of board feet actually harvested, the average cost of preparation of timber sales, the revenues generated from such sales, and the amount of receipts distributed to each beneficiary county. Restricts the length of this report to one page;

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Smith (MO) amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that puts a moratorium on the use of prescribed fires in the Mark Twain National Forest until the Secretary of Agriculture submits a report to Congress on the economic impacts of these fires. The amendment does not prohibit the use of prescribed fire as part of wildfire suppression activities; and

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LaMalfa amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that streamlines the U.S. Forest Service's post-wildfire efforts by including reforestation, site rehabilitation and salvage operations as eligible to be conducted as a part of suppression efforts and adds funding flexibility for such work.

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Withdrawn:

LaMalfa amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have limited the Department of Justice efforts to seek damages beyond

actual damage to property, public lands and fire-fighting and restoration costs in states with laws limiting such damages. **Page H5754**

Proceedings Postponed:

Daines amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to protect forest reserve projects from delay by precluding Court-issued injunctions based on alleged violations of procedural requirements in selecting, planning, or analyzing the project; **Pages H5747–49**

McClintock amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to waive judicial review on any timber salvage project resulting from a wildfire occurring in 2013; and **Pages H5750–51**

McClintock amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to prohibit the U.S. Forest Service from removing any roads or trails unless there has been a specific decision, which included adequate and appropriate public involvement, to decommission the specific road or trail in question. **Pages H5752–54**

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5669, H5694.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5692–93, H5693, H5694, H5720, H5721. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN POST-2014: VIEWS OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT’S POSTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2013: THE LESSONS OF BENGHAZI

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Defense Department’s posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?” Testimony was heard from Gary Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and

Major General Darryl Roberson, USAF, Vice Director, Operations (J–3), Department of Defense, Joint Staff.

FUTURE OF UNION ORGANIZING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension held a hearing entitled “Future of Union Organizing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TWO WEEKS UNTIL ENROLLMENT: QUESTIONS FOR CCIIO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

KEYSTONE’S RED TAPE ANNIVERSARY: FIVE YEARS OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS DENIED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Keystone’s Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Daines; Poe (TX); Holt; and Senator Hoeven; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grimm; Capuano; King (NY); and Maloney; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Refugee Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AN UNCLEAR ROADMAP: BURMA’S FRAGILE POLITICAL REFORMS AND GROWING ETHNIC STRIFE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “An Unclear Roadmap: Burma’s Fragile Political Reforms and Growing Ethnic Strife”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.